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## Synopsis:

FRANK MACZEK, former Hungarian Army Officer, now residing in San Diego, California, recalled on 3/29/66 that he has known BAK since World War II and has never known him to have been involved in French intelligence work. On 3/23/67, MACZEK again advised that he had received no additional information to indicate subject ever involved in intelligence activities. Information from a confidential source ahead reflects that three former acquaintances now in Canada, but who knew BAK in Europe, have no knowledge of any connections of subject with French intelligence. However, another individual in Canada, according to source, has stated that while BAK was in France, an anti-communist intelligence group was formed by Hungarian Army Veterans and that this group worked with the France Intelligence Service. This individual believed BAK may have been involved with the Hungarian Intelligence organization, while in France.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On August 27, 1966, Mr. FRANK MACZEK, a tailor with office and shop at 1140 1/2 B Street, San Diego, residence 3170 Maple Street, San Diego, furnished the following information concerning his knowledge of subject:

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He said that he met BAK when BAK was on the general staff of the Hungarian Army, Material Supplies, on the Russian Front during World War II. He said that he believed BAK was a First Lieutenant at the time. They were with the 20th Hungarian Division, Second Hungarian Army, on the Don River from about 1942 to the winter of 1943. Mr. WACZEK said that he left the front on leave on January 3, 1943, returning to Hungary for a furlough, and inasmuch as the Russians broke through the Hungarian lines on January 12, 1943 and the front crumbled, he never returned. Mr. WACZEK stated that as far as he knew, subject, at the time he knew him on the Hungarian-Russian front, was not engaged in any way in intelligence work. Mr. WACZEK said that the only thing he knew about BAK's activities subsequent to their association on the Hungarian Front, is what BAK has told him since BAK came to San Diego, California. He said that he has never heard from BAK or from anyone else that BAK was ever in any intelligence work. He said that he heard that BAK was a draftsman in Morocco and in Paris, but that he knows nothing else concerning his activities in France and Morocco, and that as far as he knows, BAK has never worked for the French Government or for the French Intelligence in any manner. He stated that perhaps BAK could have worked for the French Government in Morocco, but that he believed BAK was employed by the United States Government when in Morocco. Mr. WACZEK stated that subject is still single and is very bitter and unhappy. He stated that this bitterness began when subject's Hungarian wife, whom he had brought from Hungary to Paris, divorced him in Paris, and subject has never recovered from this.

On February 23, 1967, Mr. FRANK WACZEK was reinterviewed concerning subject and he stated that he has received no additional information to indicate the subject ever involved in any intelligence activities. Mr. WACZEK stated that he was well known among Hungarians living in this part of the U. S. and that he had heard nothing unfavorable regarding subject in recent months. He said that subject is still employed at a local bank as a computer operator and is presently a good employee and earning a good living, but that he is still a very unhappy man. Mr. WACZEK explained that he had never recovered from the loss of his wife in France, who left him to marry another man.

On December 3, 1966, a confidential source abroad advised that LESLIE JAMES, who now resides in Canada, remembers

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having met BAK in Paris twice during the period of 1948 to 1951. JABEZ said that he met subject once at a party and again encountered BAK coming out of a church. They had a very brief conversation and he recalled very little about subject. He remembers that BAK was a draftsman and that he married a model and later divorced her in 1950 or 1952. He said he has no knowledge of any connection BAK might have had with the French Intelligence Service.

According to this source, STEVEN TURANY (aka. TURANYI), said he knew BAK quite well, having associated with him to considerable extent in connection with the activities of the Hungarian Army Veterans Association in Paris. He said that he recalled BAK was a former officer with the Hungarian General Staff and that he married a daughter of General LAKOTY. BAK was employed in Paris as a draftsman. TURANY knows nothing of any connection BAK might have had with the French Intelligence Service. He stated that ANDRAS NEMES who now resides in Montreal, apparently knew BAK in Paris.

On January 13, 1967, this confidential source advised stated that the following information was furnished by a Hungarian immigrant presently residing in Canada. BAK attended the Academy of War in Hungary from 1939 to approximately 1942 where he studied military tactics. After graduation, he was posted to the General Staff of the Hungarian Army with the rank of Captain. BAK was Brigade Officer during the war. At the termination of the war, he immigrated to France and resided in Paris during 1947 and 1948. He married a Hungarian girl in France, but subsequently divorced her. About 1951, BAK went to French Morocco where he had resided for 5 or 8 years. During 1961 or 1962, BAK resided at 1562 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, California and at that time was believed to have been employed as a draftsman.

While BAK was in France, he was the president of the French Section of the Hungarian Veterans Association (MKCSBK); apparently an intelligence service was formed consisting of members of the Hungarian Veterans. This intelligence organization was founded without the sanction of the Hungarian Veterans Association. The activities of this intelligence service were directly against communism and worked in cooperation with the French Intelligence Service. Apparently the veterans who joined this intelligence organization did so for financial remuneration. It is believed that BAK was involved with this intelligence organization, however, he has possession of no information concerning his position.

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It was rumored that ANDRAS ZAKO, an ex-Lieutenant Colonel in the Hungarian Army was involved with this organization. ZAKO founded the Hungarian Veterans Association and is presently its president. According to a source, ZAKO is presently believed to reside in Munich, Germany and to be suffering from some sort of illness.

*Formerly believed a member of intelligence of Hungarian Veterans Association*

On February 3, 1967, this confidential source abroad furnished the following information:

ANDRAS NEMES, who now resides in Canada, has stated that he first met BAK in about 1927 while attending high school in Budapest, Hungary. BAK graduated from high school and subsequently obtained a diploma in military agronomy in 1934. NEMES stated he did not see BAK again until 1949 when they were both members of the same church in Paris, France. BAK was active at this time forming the Hungarian War Veterans Association. He related that he had been captive by the French near Innsbruck, Austria, during the War and had been interned near Metz, France. At this time he was a Captain of the General Staff. BAK had been married to a French model, however, this relationship of marriage terminated in divorce. According to NEMES, he had no knowledge of any contact BAK may have had with the French Security Forces. In 1965 NEMES learned through casual conversation that BAK was employed by the IBM Corporation in San Diego, California, however, he has not seen BAK personally or had contact with him since 1949.

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